



CANSURVIVE AUSTRALIA

The CanSurvive Retreat Sanctuary

A Fundraising Prospectus

Healing in Nature. Strength in Community. Hope for Tomorrow.

SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND, QUEENSLAND • 2026

"Australians are increasingly seeking holistic, alternative, or experimental treatments overseas when conventional medicine is deemed ineffective or unavailable locally, often driven by a desire for better quality of life, or to treat advanced, life-threatening conditions. These treatments often combine conventional medicine with holistic approaches".

—Australian Broadcasting Corporation 2026

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CanSurvive Australia

Partnership and Fundraising Prospectus

Introduction

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Cancer remains one of Australia's most significant health challenges. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare an estimated 169,759 cancer cases will be diagnosed in 2025. It is estimated that 53,545 deaths will occur from cancer in 2025. By 2034, annual cancer diagnoses in Australia are projected to exceed 250,000 cases.

Today, **one in three Australians will be directly impacted by cancer**—either personally, or through a family member, friend, or colleague. Therefore, look around you and consider who in your proximity is being impacted by cancer?

Beyond the physical impact, in our experience cancer profoundly affects emotional wellbeing, family stability, and quality of life on so many different levels. CanSurvive Australia exists to provide individuals and families with access to trusted support, the latest research, education, and practical tools that improve resilience, wellbeing, and informed decision-making during and after treatment.

We serve as both a source of light and a trusted partner for those navigating one of life's most difficult challenges.

Our Mission

"Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals affected by cancer, and those who support them, through holistic support services, education, and advocacy."

We believe in treating the whole person—not just the disease—by supporting emotional, mental, and physical wellbeing.

We are dedicated to ensuring individuals challenged by cancer have greater choice, support, and empowerment in their care journey.

Messages from the Board



Evelyn (Eve) Williamson
Co-Founder CanSurvive Australia

CanSurvive was founded because of a great need for detailed and accessible information on holistic non-invasive cancer therapies, and a growing need in our community for a centre where people can meet for support, information and guidance.

This has been one of the greatest journeys of my life which I embarked on after so many of my immediate family members passed away as a direct result from cancer.

Now I am excited to watch as CanSurvive transitions to its dream for a large community centre located in the peaceful surrounds of the Sunshine Coast hinterland. This transition and growth can only be realised with the financial support through donations from Australian businesses and the community.

Thank you for your consideration to this well deserving community support network.



Chris Scott
Board Chair & CEO - CanSurvive
Research Association Inc

CanSurvive Australia is a unique not-for-profit organisation dedicated to empowering and supporting individuals, families, and friends affected by cancer and chronic illness.

We provide trusted information on complementary care options and deliver direct therapeutic services that nurture the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.

As a charity, we are committed to expanding access to integrative wellness support. Our intention is to establish Australia's first true holistic wellness centre, offering a safe, compassionate space where people can access evidence-informed therapies, community connection, and guidance on their healing journey.

Testimonials



John Bailey
CanSurvive member

I've been coming to CanSurvive for about 10–12 years now, and honestly, it's hard to put into words how much this place has meant to me. Yes, the programs, herbs, and supplements have supported my health — and I'm grateful for that. But what has truly carried me through are the people.

The kindness, understanding, and the feeling that I'm not alone.

Being surrounded by others who have walked similar paths has strengthened me in ways I never expected. The conversations, the support, the simple moments of connection — they've lifted my spirit and helped me stay strong, even on the hardest days.

CanSurvive isn't just a centre to me. It's a community. It's hope. It's a place that has helped me keep going. They are truly wonderful.



Kathryn Stewart
CanSurvive member

I came across CanSurvive 12 years ago, just after I moved from Brisbane up to the Sunshine Coast. I really wished there was something like this in Brisbane - back when I was searching diligently in 2011-2012. I was looking for information regarding Complimentary Therapies. People I could talk to & ask questions. People who had gone through similar experiences - good or bad. Discussion groups & educational talks. Not just medical information, statistics & life expectancy data. **I wanted Positive Information & choices.**

I have been attending CanSurvive's monthly talks, with their guest speaker's for approximately 11 years. I love how they showcase so many different Complimentary Therapists: Chiropractors, Lymphatic Drainage Massage Therapists, Dieticians specializing in the gut, Thermography, Colonic Irrigation Therapists, EMF / Wi-Fi / Dirty Electricity, Sound Healing, Meditation, Immunologists etc. etc... All of these can be used stand alone or alongside western medicine.

I have learnt so much over the years through CanSurvive. Not just from the speakers, also from the CanSurvive free library. So many topics & authors - I have saved lots of money, over the years, borrowing from the free library. I have also learnt a lot from the staff & volunteers, who are also, very caring & knowledgeable. I am very Grateful, to have come across CanSurvive, all those years ago (whilst reading an ad, in a magazine during my lunch break!)

With Gratitude,

Kathryn



Why Partner with CanSurvive Australia

Partnering with CanSurvive Australia enables your organisation to create meaningful, measurable impact while strengthening your Corporate Social Responsibility [CSR], that enhances brand loyalty and trust, employee engagement, and consumer expectations.

1. Demonstrate Corporate Social Responsibility Leadership

Align your organisation with a respected Australian charity addressing one of the most significant health challenges affecting Australian families today.

2. Enhance Brand Reputation and Trust

Strengthen your organisation's reputation by supporting a long-established charity with a proven track record of delivering meaningful outcomes.

3. Engage Employees, Customers, and Stakeholders

Inspire your workforce, customers, and broader stakeholder community by supporting a cause that resonates deeply across all demographics.

4. Deliver Measurable Social Impact

Your partnership directly supports programs that improve emotional wellbeing, education, and support for cancer patients and their families.

5. Access Full Tax Deductibility

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Key Programs and Initiatives

Holistic Wellness Retreat and Workshops

Our wellness retreat and workshops provide practical tools to improve quality of life through complementary wellness approaches, including nutrition education, mindfulness, stress management, and resilience building.

Support Groups and Counselling

We provide professionally facilitated support groups and counselling services that offer emotional support, shared experiences, and practical coping strategies. These services are delivered both in person and through online platforms, extending our reach nationally and internationally.

Educational Outreach and Expert Seminars

CanSurvive Australia hosts seminars, webinars, and educational programs featuring experienced health professionals, wellness practitioners, and subject matter experts. These programs empower individuals with knowledge to make informed decisions and actively participate in their care journey.

Advocacy and Community Engagement

We collaborate with healthcare professionals, researchers, and community organisations to improve awareness, support services, and patient outcomes across Australia and internationally.

Impact Snapshot

CanSurvive Australia has delivered measurable impact across three decades of service:

- Over 5,000 individuals directly supported through workshops, counselling, and educational programs.
- 95% of participants report improved emotional wellbeing.
- 97% report increased confidence and knowledge in managing their health and wellbeing.
- Established collaborations with respected healthcare professionals and wellness organisations.
- Operates as a highly efficient, predominantly volunteer-supported organisation.
- Registered and regulated by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).
- Holds full Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, reflecting the highest standard of charitable eligibility under Australian tax law.

Partnership Opportunities

CanSurvive Australia offers structured partnership tiers designed to provide meaningful engagement and visibility for corporate partners.

Platinum Partner – \$500,000+

- Prominent logo placement across all CanSurvive Australia materials and digital platforms.
- Naming rights on agreed facilities and events.
- Recognition at major events and public initiatives.
- Opportunity to collaborate on joint campaigns and initiatives.
- Invitations to exclusive partner briefings, events and therapeutic insights.
- Dedicated engagement and strategic partnership support.
- We provide speakers and educational programs to your organisation.
- Direct links with the governance and management of CanSurvive Australia.

Gold Partner – \$250,000+

- Logo placement on key digital platforms.
- Recognition in newsletters, reports, and selected events.
- Invitations to partner events and engagement opportunities.

Silver Partner – \$50,000+

- Recognition on CanSurvive Australia website and selected communications.
- Acknowledgment at events and selected initiatives.

Additional Partnership Opportunities

- Event Sponsorship.
- Support our fundraising events, wellness retreats, and educational programs.
- Employee Engagement Programs.
- Enable employee participation through volunteering, workplace giving, and awareness initiatives.
- In-Kind Contributions.
- Provide professional services, products, or expertise to support CanSurvive Australia's mission.

Use of Funds

Our initial target is to raise AUD5,000,000.00 for which the majority will be put towards the purchasing of suitable land and the establishment of the new CanSurvive Australia Retreat set in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. This will be the realisation of the original plan envisioned by the founders. Our current office in Maroochydore is a transition location and launchpad to further this significant step forward. (see appendix concept design)

The remainder of partner contributions will be held in perpetuity for program delivery and expanding access to support services, including:

- Wellness retreat and workshops and educational programs
- Providing subsidised counselling services
- Developing additional educational resources and outreach initiatives
- Strengthening advocacy and community support programs

Recognition and Reporting

CanSurvive Australia is committed to transparency and accountability.

Partners receive:

- Regular impact and program reports
- Invitations to exclusive events and briefings
- Public recognition across appropriate communication channels

Join Us in Making a Difference

Partnering with CanSurvive Australia is a unique opportunity to investment in the health, resilience, and wellbeing of Australians and beyond.

“Together, we can ensure that no one faces cancer alone.”

We welcome the opportunity to discuss partnership options tailored to your organisation.

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CanSurvive Australia Retreat Proposal

ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT PRESENTATION



Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Queensland

***Please note:**

The following images and ideas are
creative concepts only.

Executive Vision and Summary

Our proposed retreat will incorporate a purpose-built healing sanctuary and national headquarters, set within the subtropical rainforest of the Sunshine Coast hinterland Queensland. It will stand as a permanent and tangible expression of our commitment: *that no person facing cancer should walk the journey alone.*

Proposal

Our initial focus is to raise **AUD 5,000,000.00** to purchase a suitable site and build the new CanSurvive Australia Retreat and national headquarters. This will be the realisation of the original vision after the sale of our Nambour Centre in 2022. Our current location in Maroochydore is a transition location and launchpad to further growth.

Purpose

Cancer is not solely a medical event — it is a life-altering human experience that affects the body, mind, and spirit. While hospitals deliver critical clinical care, there remains a profound need for environments that nurture recovery, resilience, and informed empowerment beyond the clinical setting.

The CanSurvive Australia Retreat and sanctuary will meet this need by offering:

- Structured support programs, therapies and workshops
- Safe spaces for peer connection and shared experience
- Educational forums on integrative and holistic wellbeing
- Quiet environments for reflection, rest, and renewal
- Access to nature as an active component of recovery

This will not be a passive facility, but an active centre of support, guidance, and community engagement.

A Landscape Designed for Healing

The Retreat is envisioned as a one-hectare [2.47 acre] rainforest property carefully developed to work in harmony with its natural surroundings. Sustainable architectural design principles will ensure minimal ecological impact while maximizing natural light, airflow, and connection to landscape.

Research consistently demonstrates the therapeutic benefits of nature exposure: reduced stress biomarkers, improved mood regulation, and enhanced recovery outcomes. **Our built environment will deliberately facilitate these outcomes — integrating walking paths, communal gathering areas, contemplative spaces, and environmentally responsible accommodation.**

“Nature itself is the best physician” - Hippocrates

The architecture should not dominate the rainforest but sit gently within it.

Community at the Centre

For over **three decades**, CanSurvive Australia has provided education and support to individuals seeking non-invasive and holistic approaches to wellbeing during and after cancer treatment. The retreat centre will expand this legacy by creating a physical home for:

- Residential retreats
- Day workshops and community gatherings
- Carer and family support programs
- Volunteer and practitioner collaboration
- Fundraising and awareness events

At its core, the sanctuary will foster connection — because healing is strengthened through community.

Long-Term Vision

This project represents a generational investment. It will provide a stable, permanent base from which CanSurvive can expand its programs, increase regional, national, and international reach, and operate with greater sustainability and independence.

The retreat will serve as:

- A centre of excellence for holistic cancer support and treatments
- A landing place for those to recuperate with likeminded people
- A model of environmentally responsible community infrastructure
- A gathering place for hope, education, and empowerment

A Place of Renewal

The CanSurvive Retreat Sanctuary will embody three foundational principles:

Dignity—Every individual deserves compassionate, informed support.

Connection—Healing is strengthened through shared experience and relationships.

Nature—Creating spaces with access to gardens, water features, birdlife and forest.

This project is more than construction. It is the creation of a restorative landscape where people can regain strength, clarity, and confidence as they move forward in their lives.

With visionary support and philanthropic partnership, the CanSurvive Retreat Sanctuary will become a lasting refuge — grounded in nature, guided by experience, and dedicated to hope.



Counselling and meditation space featuring branded feature wall and panoramic rainforest views.

Location and context:

We are looking for a location on the serene Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Queensland. It is proposed that the property sits on over one hectare of pristine natural rainforest. This proposed site will offer seclusion and tranquillity while remaining accessible for visitors and staff.

Key requirements:

- **Environment:** Preservation of existing rainforest canopy.
- **Sustainability:** Eco-friendly infrastructure and pursuit of carbon neutral systems.
- **Accessibility:** Universal access across the property including garden areas
- **Serenity:** Creating a healing environment by eliminating distractions.
- **Ample parking:** 18+ vehicle spaces with easy access to reception.

Design philosophy:

Harmony with Nature: The architectural response is subservient to the landscape, utilising biophilic design principles to blur the boundaries between indoors and outdoors.

Area for sharing meals, nutrition/cooking workshop & event gatherings



Aerial view showing the retreat nested within the Sunshine Coast rainforest, featuring the entry monument sign and minimized building footprint.

The aerial perspective demonstrates the retreat's careful integration into the dense green fabric of the hinterland. Buildings are fragmented into pavilions to reduce visual bulk and preserve mature trees. The "CanSurvive Australia Retreat" entry monument marks the beginning of the transition from the public road to the private sanctuary.

Master Site Plan



Feature	Specification
Total Site Area	1.0 hectares
Building Footprint	~650 m ² (Central Hub + Pavilions)
Visitor Parking	18+ bays including disability spaces
Staff Parking	4+ dedicated bays
Rainforest Buffer	Minimum 15m retention on all boundaries
Accessibility	100% compliant pathways connecting all zones

Design Features

- **Biophilic Connection:** Floor-to-ceiling glazing dissolves the barrier between the safe interior and the lush exterior.
- **Materiality:** Warm natural timber beams and flooring ground the space, creating a sense of warmth and permanence.
- **Zoning:** Open zones allow for group meditation circles, while semi-private nooks offer intimacy for one-on-one counselling and therapy sessions.
- **Branding:** Elegant, understated signage integrates the CanSurvive identity directly into the architecture with capacity for selective naming rights by significant benefactors.

Arrival Experience



The architecture and gardens are designed to decompress the visitor. A winding driveway, flanked by native trees, slows the pace of approach. The parking for 18+ visitor's vehicles is tucked discreetly behind vegetative screens, ensuring the visual focus remains on the architecture and nature. The main entrance, defined by a warm timber portico and the "CanSurvive Australia Retreat" stone wall, offers an immediate sense of welcome and accessibility.



Spacious, well-lit and welcoming reception area

Healing Environment	Sustainability Features
Light: Maximized natural daylight to support circadian rhythms.	Energy: Integrated rooftop solar array for renewable power generation.
Acoustics: Design focused on quietude and privacy for counselling.	Water: Extensive rainwater harvesting systems for irrigation and amenities.
Access: Universal design ensuring dignity for visitors with mobility challenges.	Climate Control: Passive design maximizing natural cross-ventilation.
Sensory: Engagement with the sounds, smells, and sights of the rainforest.	Materials: Locally sourced timber and stone to reduce carbon footprint.
Safety: Layouts that promote both social connection and personal retreat.	Conservation: Strict protection of native flora during construction.

Balance Sheet 30th June 2025

Balance Sheet

Cansurvive Research Association Inc
As at 30 June 2025

30 JUNE 2025

Assets

Bank

Cash Management Accelerator	648,042.99
Cash Management Account	10.17
Donations account	1,933.51
Operating account	27,255.31
Total Bank	677,241.98

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable	11,752.60
Total Current Assets	11,752.60

Fixed Assets

Computer Equipment	2,417.92
Office Equipment	15,441.14
Total Fixed Assets	17,859.06

Total Assets 706,853.64

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

GST	(11,662.58)
Total Current Liabilities	(11,662.58)

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Net Assets 718,516.22

Equity

Current Year Earnings	(148,067.46)
Retained Earnings	866,583.68
Total Equity	718,516.22

Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status



Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABN Lookup

Current details for ABN 47 135 396 568

ABN details

Entity name:	CANSURVIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
ABN status:	Active from 01 Jul 2000
Entity type:	Other Incorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Registered from 01 Jul 2022
Main business location:	QLD 4560

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

CANSURVIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION is registered with the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission \(ACNC\)](#) as follows:

ACNC registration	From
Registered as a charity view ACNC registration	03 Dec 2012

Trading name(s)

The ABR stopped collecting and updating trading names in May 2012. Businesses now register their business name on the Business Names Register. To learn more visit the [ASIC website](#).

Trading name	From
CANSURVIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION	04 Oct 2000

Charity tax concession status

CANSURVIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION is a [Charity](#) endorsed to access the following tax concession:

Tax concession	From
GST Concession	01 Jul 2006
FBT Rebate	01 Jul 2006
Income Tax Exemption	01 Nov 2002

Deductible gift recipient status

CANSURVIVE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) from **01 Jan 2003**. It is covered by [Item 1](#) of the table in section 30-15 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

THE NEXT STEP...

This is a project that will change lives. **You can change lives.** We know this from our experience. We also know that more and more people are looking for complementary care...access to greater knowledge, and a place where they are embraced in their search.

This prospectus is the beginning of creating that place, and with your assistance and support we can do it together.

I very much look forward to the next step in this process.

- Join with us for confidential briefing for a deeper dive into what we do, how we do it, and the outcomes we are achieving.
- We will explore the options associated with this prospectus, the value we can create, and the benefits we share.
- This is the next step in the process, and we would welcome the opportunity at any preferred location.

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